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For: FRAMEWORK CONNECTION SYSTEM

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application, please indicate when examination can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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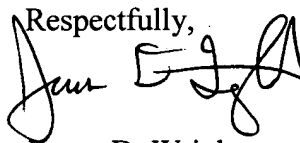
RE: **STATUS REQUEST** --

Smith et al U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/761,585
Filed: January 21, 2004, For: POSITIONING DEVICE
EMPLOYING A PLATFORM, LEVERING MECHANISM AND FLOATING
ACTUATOR DEVICE (Our File: 26711.007)

Sir:

The above-noted application was filed over seven months ago, and to date, no filing receipt has been received from the Patent Office in connection with this case.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests information regarding the status of this application.

Respectfully,

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